

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

One area of literary excellence, long neglected, but which I feel deserves recognition, is the creative writing which appears in classified real estate ads.

In fact, I've often thought of putting our own home up for sale, just to read the description in print. Granted, it would take a Hemingway to wax eloquent about it. Undoubtedly, the author would have to rely on the real estate favorite: "A little bit of love and a lot of elbow grease will turn this into a real charmer."

Of course, there are those who maintain that too much literary license is exercised in that the homes don't always measure up to the eloquently written prose of the ads. In other words, a home described as, "a cozy retreat for retired couple, complete with built-in air-conditioning" could well turn out to be an Eskimo igloo.

Or, a home portrayed as filled with "old world charm" might turn out to be so decrepit that it's a race between the termites and the condemnation notice from the building inspector to see which will win.

The cynics also suggest that you check the basement of a home first before being won over by the lyrical phase of the lot having a "creek setting"

"Cul-de-sac," the critics continue, is nothing more than a street with a dead end; thus you can expect a modern-day version of the play and movie to appear any day, as Leo Gorcey starring in "The Cul-de-Sac Kids."

"Loved the ad, hated the house," is the way I have heard it summed up.

That's because many prospective home buyers fail to catch the "hidden meaning" in the ads. For instance, "Newly decorated" can mean anything from a \$5,000 remodeling job to two coats of paint on the walls.

Also, "Near bus-stop" could mean that your front porch is used as a way-station. "Within walking distance to train" might mean—if you're a track star training for the distance events at the Olympics.

A "sunken living room" may be just that. And a "Green Thumb's Paradise" could well be that part of the Kenya jungle is in the backyard.

Yet, I can't help but wish the authors of these real estate literary classics would write one for the car we'd like to unload. In their tradition I can see them advertising an automobile as "one-owner car," but failing to mention that it belonged to Ralph Nader.

But I can see the ad for our lemon now: "Repairman's Delight—lots of possibilities in this six-cylinder charmer. Wall-to-wall rubber matting. Detached tail-gate. Heated radiator. Upholstery filled with Old World Charm. Owner choked-up at prospects of selling it."

Sgt., Mrs. Harvey Welcome Daughter

Sgt. and Mrs. David A. Harvey announce the birth of a daughter on March 28 in Bitburg, Germany. Sgt. Harvey, a 1966 graduate of South High School, is serving with the United States Air Force in Germany.

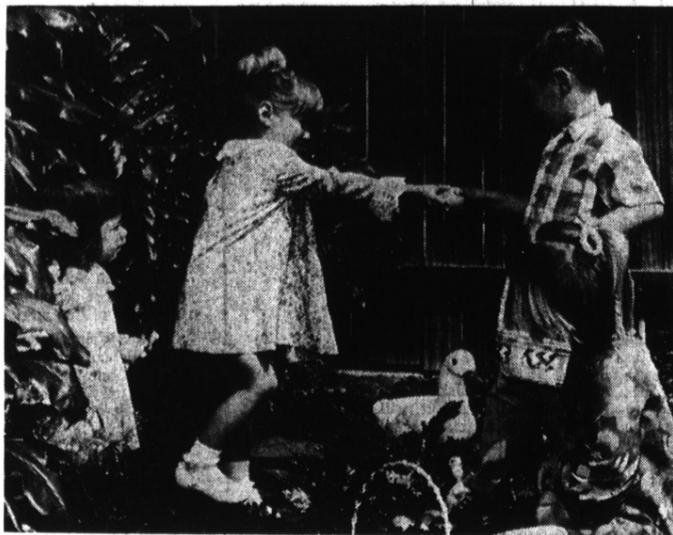
Mrs. Harvey is the former Betsy Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnston of Ogden, Utah.

The new parents have named their daughter Pamela Ann. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David A. Harvey, Sr., 127 Calle de Andalucia.

Couples Return From Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barrington, 1541 Post Ave., and Mrs. Barrington's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Petrarca of Redondo Beach, returned last Thursday night from a trip to Phoenix and Sedonia, Ariz., and Las Vegas, Nev.

On the weekend before, the Barringtons had attended a convention of the International Oil Mill Superintendents held at the Disneyland Hotel.



Choosing Their Baskets

When Peter Cottontail makes his visit to the Bruce Smith home, 2560 Eldorado to hide colorful Easter eggs, the children of the members of the Auxiliary to the Torrance Fire Department will be all set for their annual hunt on Saturday, April 16. Getting their baskets ready are, from left, Stephanie and Michelle Siminich, Greg Spaan and Michele Marshall. (Press-Herald Photo)

"Music" Topic Of Program For Sorority

The Palos Verdes home of Mrs. Ed Gorman, 27016 Silver Moon Lane, will be the location of the April 10, 8 p.m. meeting of Beta Alpha Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Assisting the hostess will be Mrs. Richard Hayes. Mrs. Gorman will also present the program for the evening, "Enjoyment of Music."

Plans will be completed for an Easter Egg Hunt to be held April 13 for the children of chapter members at the home of Mrs. Robert Gaylord, 26671 Whitehorn Drive, at 10 a.m.

Relatives Here

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bever on Eldorado were Mrs. Bever's cousins, Charlie Love of Missoula, Mont., who was returning from a vacation in Hawaii; Mrs. Ethel Seeger and son, Frank Seeger, of Grass Valley and Mr. Bever's nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Phillips of Lansing, Mich., who were also returning home from a holiday in Hawaii.

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Members representing the Redondo Beach Dianas at this convention will be Mmes. William Tolliffe, Diana president; Paul Mitchell, district financial secretary; Philip MacBride, district international affairs chairman; Walt O'Brian, Albert Rolstead, Dino Ruffoni, Raymond Williams, Roscoe Davis, Wayne Smith, Jerry Hebert, and Raymond Shortridge.

Dianas are affiliated with the California Federation of Women's Clubs, Marina District, Junior Membership.

Relief Society Plans Benefit Fashion Event

Ward Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Palos Verdes, will stage a Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Torrance Stake Center, 4110 W. 226th St., Torrance, on Saturday, April 20.

Mrs. Florence C. Deline, president of the Relief Society, announces that the fashions to be modeled will be those made by members of the Palos Verdes Ward.

There is a special price for children. Anyone wishing further information may call Mrs. Deline.

Fish Fry Set For Friday Eve

Lomita VFW Auxiliary 1622 will serve another popular "Fish Fry" on Friday evening, April 12, at the VFW Hall, Alliene St. and Lomita Blvd. in Lomita.

Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 9 p.m. Mrs. Harley Gray and auxiliary officers are in charge.

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We're guessing that at least 1/3 of the time, a one-phone family does cross-country running through the house or scrambles down some stairs to take the call.

You can't call that modern living. The fact is, 40% of the families in

America aren't living like that.

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